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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CHAIRMAN RUSSELL PETERSON

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1. EMBASSY PLEASED THAT CHANGE IN SCHEDULE WILL ALLOW CHAIRMAN PETERSON AND DR. TALBO TO SPEND MORE TIME IN THAILAND. EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICER, JOSEPH PAULEY, AN AVID BIRD WATCHER, WILL BE CONTROL OFFICER AND WILL MEET AT AIRPORT. PAULEY IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR BIRDING TRIP.

2. REQUEST YOU INFORM CHAIRMAN PETERSON THAT KHAO YAI IS THREE HOUR DRIVE FROM BANGKOK OR TWO HOUR DRIVE FROM BANGKOK AIRPORT AND TO MAKE BIRDING TRIP WORTHWHILE WOULD SUGGEST DRIVE BE MADE IMMEDIATELY AFTER ARRIVAL ON NIGHT OF 20 JANUARY. THIS WOULD ALLOW FOR BIRDING FROM 0600 UNTIL ABOUT 1300 ON 21ST. IF CHAIRMAN PETERSON DESIRES TO VISIT KHAO YAI, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO MAKE RESERVATIONS ON 20TH. ALTERNATIVELY, WE CAN MAKE RESERVATIONS AT ERAWAN HOTEL IN BANGKOK AND PLAN ON 0600 DEPARTURE FOR ONE OF THREE BIRDING AREAS WITHIN ONE OR ONE AND A HALF HOURS DRIVE OF BANGKOK. BIRDS TO BE SEEN AT TWO OF THESE AREAS ARE PRIMARILY SHORE BIRDS. THIRD
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AREA IS SLIGHTLY FURTHER AWAY AND INCLUDES HILL BIRDS.

3. DR. BOONSONG LEKAGUL IS PRESENTLY ATTENDING TEN DAY CONFERENCE IN SOUTHERN THAILAND. HE WILL RETURN ABOUT 18 JANUARY. WE DO NOT KNOW HIS SCHEDULE BUT WILL ASK HIM TO ACCOMPANY CHAIRMAN PETERSON.

4. IF CHAIRMAN PETERSON DOES NOT GO TO KHAO YAI AND IF HIS SCHEDULE PERMITS, CHARGE EDWARD E. MASTERS INVITES MESSRS. PETERSON AND TALBERT TO LATE LUNCH AT HIS RESIDENCE AT 1300 ON 21 JANUARY.
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